

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah #31 Emor: "Say"
Leviticus 21:1-24:23
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Lev. 24:20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.

Matt. 5:38-41 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

Avi and Sol was building Lego castles together when Sol suddenly had to go to the bathroom and as he got up and raced off he accidentally kicked Avi's Lego castle and smashed it to pieces. Avi stood up angrily and said,

"Sol! You broke my Lego castle, so I'm going to break yours! It's only fair! The Torah says, 'An eye for and eye and a tooth for a tooth'."

Sol stopped and said,

"Avi wait! That's not what the Torah passage means."

"What does it mean then?" Avi said more calmly.

"It means if I broke any of your legos I need to buy you new ones to replace them, it doesn't give you the right to bust up my castle because I accidentally smashed yours. Look, you can tear down my castle if you want to. And after I go to the bathroom lets say we build one huge Lego castle together?!" Sol said.

"That's a great idea Sol!" exclaimed Avi excitedly.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
-- Rabbi Yehudah